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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

**Oct 30, 2024**

SEAN F. McAVOY, CLERK

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

ALICIA M.,<sup>1</sup>

Plaintiff,

v.

MARTIN O'MALLEY, Commissioner of  
Social Security,

Defendant.

No. 2:24-cv-00160-EFS

**ORDER GRANTING THE PARTIES'  
STIPULATED MOTION FOR  
REMAND PURSUANT TO  
SENTENCE FOUR OF 42 U.S.C.  
§ 405(g)**

The parties agree that the matter should be reversed and remanded to the Commissioner of Social Security pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for further administrative proceedings. The parties also agree that Plaintiff is entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), upon proper request to the Court.

Consistent with the parties' agreement, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. The parties' Stipulated Motion for Remand, **ECF No. 15**, is  
**GRANTED.**

<sup>1</sup> For privacy reasons, the Court refers to every social security plaintiff by first name and last initial or by "Plaintiff." See LCivR 5.2(c).

2. This matter is **REVERSED** and **REMANDED** to the Commissioner of Social Security for further administrative proceedings pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). On remand, the Appeals Council is to instruct the ALJ to:

- Exhibit and consider the physician's statement from Randal Bunch, M.D., dated January 17, 2018, and entered into the evidentiary record on January 23, 2018; and
- Offer the opportunity for a new hearing, take any further action needed to ensure that the administrative record is complete and issue a new decision.

3. The Clerk's Office shall **TERM** the hearing and Plaintiff's brief, **ECF No. 9**, enter **JUDGMENT** in favor of Plaintiff, and **CLOSE** the case.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.** The Clerk's Office is directed to enter this Order and provide copies to all counsel.

**DATED** this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.



EDWARD F. SHEA  
Senior United States District Judge